

State Wildlife Grant Program

1. **Enabling Legislation:**

- Annual Appropriations Act

2. **Purpose:**

- Provide funds for development and implementation of programs that benefit wildlife and their habitat, including species not hunted or fished
- Planning and implementation programs are permitted

3. **Eligible Grantees:**

- All State and Territory fish and wildlife agencies

4. **Eligible Projects:**

- Development and implementation of programs benefiting wildlife and their habitats, including species not hunted or fished, priority placed on species of greatest conservation concern

5. **Source of funds:**

Land and Water Conservation Fund (annual appropriation) – revenues from:

- Outer Continental Shelf Oil & Gas

6. **Distribution method:**

- Apportioned based on formula

7. **Spending mandates, fund matching requirements, and/or limitations on availability of funds:**

- Planning grants require 25% matching, federal share not to exceed 75% of total costs
- Implementation grants require 50% matching, federal share not to exceed 50% of total costs
- 100% federal funds for Virgin Islands, Guam, American Samoa and N. Mariana Islands
- Annual appropriation available for 2 years

8. **Special conditions or requirements:**

- State / Territory must develop or commit to develop a comprehensive wildlife conservation plan by October 1, 2005

9. **Governing Guidance:**

- Appropriations Act
- State Wildlife Grant Program Implementation Guidelines
- 43 CFR 12
- USFWS Manual Chapters